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NEWS RELEASE

City of Falls Church Celebrates Tree City USA Honor, Arbor Day April 21
Neighborhood Tree Planting and Ceremony Mark
34th Year as Tree City USA, 120th Anniversary of Arbor Day

The City of Falls Church has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 34th year in a row. The City will celebrate the honor at the 120th anniversary of Arbor Day on Saturday, April 21, with a neighborhood tree planting and a ceremony.

"We all benefit when communities like the City of Falls Church place a high priority on planting and caring for trees, one of our nation's most beautiful resources," said John Rosenow, Chief Executive and Founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We applaud the City's elected officials, staff, civic organizations, residents, and business owners for providing vital care for its urban forest."

The community is invited to join in the celebration. Volunteers interested in helping with the tree planting should meet at 8:30 a.m. at 501 N. West St. for refreshments and instructions. Teams will be assigned locations to plant a total of 20 trees. To register, contact Ben Thompson, City Arborist, at bthompson@fallschurchva.gov or 703-248-5183. The tree planting is co-hosted by the City and the Falls Church Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS).

The Arbor Day ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. in Frady Park (in the 300 block of East Broad St.), the original site of the 1892 Arbor Day. (The rain location is the Community Center, 223 Little Falls St.) The program will feature a living history performance on the national and local issues of 1912, including the news of the Titanic disaster at its connections to the local area. The event is free and refreshments will be served. The ceremony is co-hosted by the City, VPIS, and the Victorian Society.

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